

REMARKS

Claims 25, 27 - 41, 53- 56 and 59-61 remain pending.

Claims 25, 28-30, 34-41 and 59 - 61 were previously allowed.

Claims 27 and 53 have been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However in claim 53, the phrase "without flow restriction" (originally at claim 51, line 12) has not been added.


Request for Reconsideration and Allowance

Based upon the above Amendments and Remarks, claims 25, 27 - 41, 53- 56 and 59- 61 are believed to be in proper form for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of those claims and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this application to John F. Klos at (612) 321-2806.

Respectfully submitted,
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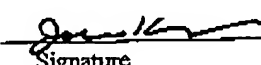
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